

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, and seconded by Council Member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

There was an addition to the agenda: Consideration of Special Purchase Dump Truck – Street Department

**Citizen Participation**

Wayne Klinkhamer and Jerry Phelps addressed the Council with the drainage issue at the curve on East Ohio Street. Wayne attended a meeting some time ago about this issue. At that time, the Mayor asked him if he had any insights into gaining access for the run off water around the corner. Since then he has had many conversations with the neighboring home owners. They all would be glad to participate and allow water to go through their properties. Unfortunately some of these properties are small. Jerry Phelps has enough ground on his property and is offering it to get this problem fixed. Mayor Thompson stated that basically they were talking about easements for the storm drainage on the bend at East Ohio Street. City Attorney George Loy told them to get him the legal description of Jerry's property for the area the water would drain through and he would put it together.

**Department Head Reports**

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that the new Ordinance Officer finished training and is in uniform. His department has some training coming up in the next few weeks. Things are running smooth.

Fire Chief Swaim stated that things are much the same for them. The Homecoming Parade is coming up this Friday. Other than that, it is just their regular training and regular runs.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that things are normal for them. He will be glad when some of these projects will get buttoned up. They have had lots of locates.

Sewer Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated it was business as usual for his department. They also are having lots of locates.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that they are getting ready to winterize the parks. Restrooms facilities will close at the end of October. The City Pool is draining slowly. At the end of the month and into October they will drain water lines. The scout working on the boardwalk for Jordan Park has to get some more paperwork completed. That project is now delayed two weeks. Mike Clark is starting the curbing at Jordan Park on Friday or Monday, weather permitting. They are ready to start leaf cleanup and are looking forward to rapping things up for the fall.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts was absent from the meeting because he was coming back from Illinois after looking at the special purchase dump truck added to the agenda.

### **Public Hearing – Submission of CFF Grant Application to OCRA Addressing the City of Monticello's Water Tower Rehabilitation Project**

Mayor Jason Thompson opened the public meeting. Randy Mitchell, KIRPC, stated that this is the second of the two hearings that are required to apply for a grant from OCRA. The City has asked KIRPC to apply for a grant to rehabilitate the middle water tower at Fourth and Foster Streets. Randy described what needed to be fixed on the water tower. It is a much needed grant and he feels this is very much worthwhile. The total grant amount is \$598,000.00. The City is required to put a 10% match with the grant, but the Council decided to match 20% because it makes the grant more competitive. The City is responsible for \$112,400.00 and the grant amount is \$485,600.00. The City's funding will come from Water Operating \$56,200, CEDIT \$25,600, TIF funds \$25,600, and Philanthropic contributions of \$5,000.00. Philanthropic contributions help the City score more bonus points towards the grant. The purpose of tonight's hearing is to allow the residents to make any comment relative to the project. Randy turned the hearing over to anyone wanting to make a comment. No comments were made and the hearing was closed.

### **2012 Spirit of Monticello Festival**

Council Members Jim Mann and Eric Storm both met with the Spirit of Monticello Festival committee and the Monticello Business Alliance committee separately regarding the Festival and who should be in charge. It is the consensus of the Council that since it has already been advertised and some Council Members will not be here next year they are leaving it the same for next year. The Monticello Business Alliance will be in charge of Friday evening and the Spirit of Monticello Festival committee will be in charge of Saturday and Sunday. The streets will be closed same as last year. It is the Councils' hope that the two committees cooperate together as this is a wonderful event for Monticello.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that he had met with Marty Cotterman and they had gone over the road closures for the Fall Festival. On Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> the Fall Festival Committee is requesting at 11:00 a.m. to close Main Street at Broadway to Washington. At 3:00 p.m. Main Street from Harrison to Broadway, Broadway from the Tornado Memorial over to Illinois Street. Previously it was discussed to shut down Broadway mid-block. After talking with Mr. Cotterman, Chief Blount talked with Street

Superintendent Doug Roberts and they decided it would be better to close all of Broadway. On Saturday, they will go ahead and close Illinois as needed. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the changes to the street closures for the Fall Festival event, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

**Consideration of Resolution 2011-01; Resolution of the Council of the City of Monticello, Indiana, Authorizing the Submission of a CFF Grant Application to the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs and Addressing Related Matter**

Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to pass Resolution 2011-01; Resolution of the Council of the City of Monticello, Indiana, Authorizing the Submission of a CFF Grant Application to the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs and Addressing Related Matters, seconded by Council Member Dave Kelly. All ayes, motion carried.

**Permission to Hold Homecoming Parade – Chase Young**

Chase Young, President of the Student Council at Twin Lakes and a Captain of the football team, asked the Council for permission to use the fire trucks and police department to close roads for the normal path of the Homecoming Parade. The Homecoming Parade is this Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the request for the Homecoming Parade to be held this Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

**Permission to Hold Halloween and Christmas Parades and Determination of Trick or Treat Night – Chamber of Commerce**

Christine Shaffer, Monticello Chamber of Commerce representative, asked the Council for permission to hold the Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. with the same route as before. In the event of rain, they would like permission to hold the contest at the Fire Department. Council Member Bill Smith made the motion to hold the Halloween Parade on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried. Christine asked the Council permission to hold the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. with the same parade route as last year. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the Christmas Parade as presented by Christine Shaffer, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried. Christine asked the Council for permission to hold Trick or Treat night on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council Member Eric Storm made the motion to hold Trick or Treat night on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

**Permission to Hold March of Dimes Walk – Brenda Renaldo**

There was not a representative in attendance for the March of Dimes Walk. Brenda Renaldo did present the Council with the special detail paperwork for their request along with the streets affected. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the March of Dimes Walk on September 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. for the route provided by the group, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

### **White County Fall Festival Presentation – Joe Crivello**

Joe Crivello, representative for the Fall Festival, gave a power point presentation to the Council and audience about the White County Fall Festival. The Fall Festival will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2011 through Sunday, October 2, 2011. Joe highlighted all the activities for each day. This is the first time for the Fall Festival and it is expected to be a successful and enjoyable event.

### **Consideration of Ordinance 2011-13; Amending the Zoning Ordinance of White County – Rezoning Petition #991**

Council Member Jim Mann stated that this rezoning petition was heard at the most recent Area Plan meeting. There is a piece of ground across from the Faith Covenant Church of God, Inc. that the church has purchased. The church would like to put a parking lot on this ground. In order to do so they have to change the zoning from an R-2 to an R-3 District. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2011-13; Amending the Unified Zoning Ordinance of White County, Indiana, and Accompanying Zoning Maps Thereto to approve their request, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

### **Consideration of Increasing Employee Contributions to Health Insurance**

Council Member Jim Mann stated that as a part of the Council's budget discussions and work they talked about the health insurance situation. As a result of the health insurance going up significantly, they have decided to ask the employees to pay a greater share of that expense per pay. There are four categories that come into play:

|                       | <u>Currently</u> | <u>2011</u> |
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| Employee and Children | \$35.55          | \$53.33     |
| Employee and Spouse   | \$45.86          | \$68.79     |
| Employee Only         | \$22.85          | \$34.28     |
| Employee and Family   | \$59.80          | \$89.70     |

Council Member Mann explained that this would help defray the total possible expense for the health insurance that the City has for its employees. This will go into effect the first pay in January 2012. Police Chief Curt Blount had concerns regarding the start of the increase and the inability to make changes to the insurance until July 2012. After much discussion, Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to move forward with the changes that he went over per each of the four plans and make them effective the first pay in January 2012, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. Mayor Thompson then stated that by making the employees start paying in January when they cannot make a policy change until July, even if they wanted to, they are therefore paying the increase all the way up to July because the insurance registration dates will not allow them any changes until then. He feels the Council is hurting those that want to work with the system and change with the system but can't. He would like the Council to think about that. After further discussion, the vote was taken. All ayes, motion carried.

### **Consideration of Special Purchase Dump Truck – Street Department**

City Attorney George Loy stated that earlier today he and Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar received a phone call from Street Superintendent Doug Roberts. He was in Illinois

shopping for a dump truck for his department. He has been looking for a good used dump truck for some time. This is a 2002 International 4900. He would like to be able to purchase this truck for \$29,000.00. The purchasing policy allows a department head to purchase on the open market virtually anything up to \$7,500.00. Between \$7,500.00 and \$75,000.00 it requires quotes and over \$75,000.00 formal bids. However, there is the special purchase exception. This special purchase falls under the unique opportunity to obtain supplies at a substantial savings to the governmental body. Doug wanted to add this to the agenda. He faxed the specs along with his notation that this is a unique opportunity for purchasing a 2002 dump truck at a substantial savings to the City. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the purchase of the dump truck for the Street Department for \$29,000.00, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **Accounts Payable**

Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable as presented, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Liz Oilar, IAMC, CMC  
City Clerk Treasurer